

GALVESTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 44

2727 Allen Parkway, Suite 1100
Houston, Texas 77019

August 17, 2020

Dear Property Owner,

Our records indicate that you own property within Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 44 (the "District"). We are writing to inform you of a significant and positive change in the District's tax collection process.

The District was created at the request of the developer of Tuscan Lakes as authorized by state law. In or around 2005, the initial board of directors of the District contracted for professional consultants and services, including the collection of the District's taxes. It was not until about 2014 that a District resident joined the District's board. This year, 2020, is the first time that all directors of the District reside within its boundaries.

Since the creation of the District, an independent firm has collected taxes levied by the District. Recent fees charged for this service were approximately \$12,500 per year. The Board of Directors has terminated that contract and retained the Galveston County Tax Collector's Office to collect the District's taxes at a savings of more than \$12,000 per year starting in tax year 2020. In addition to this significant savings, you will find payment of your taxes more convenient as you will no longer receive a separate tax bill from the District. The District's tax levy will now be included in the consolidated tax statement that you receive from the Galveston County Tax Office. You need only send payment to one office for payment of District and Galveston County taxes.

Truth in Taxation laws require that governmental agencies publish ads or otherwise notify property owners of certain activities associated with tax adoption. The required notice is provided on the reverse side of this letter.*

If you have questions, please contact the Property Tax Department of the Galveston County Tax Office at 409-766-2481 or (toll free) 1-877-766-2284.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. White for

The Board of Directors, Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 44

* Notice corrected to reflect actual reduction in rate of \$0.01 and that the meeting will be held via teleconference with call-in information included.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 44 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 at 4:00 PM on September 1, 2020, via teleconference (dial in 1-866-773-8424, meeting ID Guest 703358#). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR: President W. E. White
Vice President Jim Bollom
Assist. Vice President Glenn Carmack
Assist. Secretary David Foulkrod

AGAINST: Secretary Terry Finkle

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year		This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.800000		\$0.790000
	Adopted		Proposed
Difference in rates (per \$100 of value)		- \$0.010	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		- 1.25%	
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$261,106		\$281,887
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions)	\$0		\$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$261,106		\$281,887
Tax on average residence homestead	\$2,089		\$2,227
Annual increase/decrease if proposed rate is adopted (+/-)		\$138.06	
and percentage of increase (+/-)		6.61%	

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.